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Patterson: Join in the Fight to Protect Our Children

Children's Trust Fund Auction to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect

LANSING – Senator Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, announced today that he will be a member of the host committee for “Cherish the Children”, the Ultimate Fantasy Auction, hosted by Michigan’s Children’s Trust Fund (CTF).

“More than 350 cases of child abuse and neglect are reported each day in Michigan. This fact is disconcerting considering there are undoubtedly many children in addition who are silent victims,” expressed Patterson. “I am hopeful that Michigan’s first Children’s Trust Fund Auction will raise not only more funds for continued aid, but also more awareness of this horrible tragedy.”

In an effort to make the event a success, Senator Patterson is requesting business members of the 7th Senate District donate unique items for the auction. Please contact Kristin Rieber in Senator Patterson’s office toll free at (866) 262-7307 by March 31, 2003 with donations. All donations are tax deductible.

The event is the first signature event for Michigan’s CTF and will consist of both live and silent auctions. It will be held at 5:30 p.m. on May 13, 2003 at the Jackson National Life Insurance Company in Lansing, Michigan. Proceeds will benefit the Michigan Children’s Trust Fund to help prevent child abuse and neglect in Michigan.

Confirmed donations for the live auction are listed on the attachment provided by Michigan’s CTF. The silent auction will consist of donations grouped into a gift package by CTF and auctioned as one item.

CTF is the only statewide, non-profit organization in Michigan dedicated solely to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Since 1982, CTF has raised more than \$60 million and provided support to more than six million children and families throughout the state.

As Senator of the 7th District, Patterson represents the City of Northville, Northville Township, City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Van Buren Township, Belleville, Sumpter Township, Huron Township, Brownstown Township, Flat Rock, Woodhaven, Trenton, Grosse Ile Township, Gibraltar and Rockwood.

CONFIRMED CTF AUCTION ITEMS

Tom and Mary Kay Shields are donating their corporate box at Tiger Stadium. It seats 20, food and beverages will be provided. Baseball lovers can bring their own cheering section to this event.

Karole White will make two teens the envy of their peers. She has obtained from a producer friend of hers ANY two MTV shows we would like. We think we want Total Request Live (TRL), one of the hottest kids shows on MTV and attending the MTV Music and Video Awards. TRL would include having some role on the show and the music awards would include walking the red carpet, attending the show and one of the after parties. We will have to finalize these requests and put together airfare and other supports for two apart from the MTV donation.

Race fans, **Scott Stevenson** has put together a dream package, "A Day at the Races". He has obtained from the Michigan International Speedway an opportunity for one lucky bidder to be a member of the pit crew at the Indy Race on July 28th. They will also receive two VIP passes to the race. They don't usually do this type of thing but were really taken with our cause.

Be a Top Gun...Fighter Pilot for a Day. **Dan Stall** has donated a once in a lifetime opportunity. Get suited up (with an instructor) and engage in aerial dog-fighting and have it video taped. Choose June or September, 2003 for your debut.

Carol Conn has obtained two Discovery Channel shows we are still finalizing the packages on. These will include being a part of one of the shows, hanging out on the set and a host of other goodies. Any Monster Garage fans out there?

If you love one of a kind jewelry, **Teresa Staten** has obtained for us a unique designer piece.

Spartan fans you won't want to miss you! **Roberta Stanley**, a fabulous cook, has donated a tailgate for 20 before an MSU football game. Where else can you dine so wonderfully with friends and walk to the game?

Want to spend a week vacationing in the south of France? Thanks to the **Karole White and Dan Stall** we have, not one but two, opportunities from which to choose. Which would you prefer rooms in a castle or an entire country estate?

Thanks to the **Ilitches** an incredible Red Wings package is coming soon. They are working on something wonderful. Don't you love the suspense?

...and there is much more to come...

All information listed was provided by Michigan's Children Trust Fund.